

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 SAIGON 02582 100645Z

17
ACTION EA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 IO-10 OMB-01 EB-07 AID-05 DPW-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 ACDA-05 /078 W
----- 102449

O R 100612Z MAR 75
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3412
INFO COMUSSAG NKP THAILAND
CINCPAC HONOLULU
COMIPAC HONOLULU

S E C R E T SAIGON 2582

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THREE BATTLE AREAS IN MR 2

FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM NHA TRANG MAR 9 SENT ACTION
NIACT IMMEDIATE USDAO SAIGON INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE
H/W REPEATED TO YOU. QTE

S E C R E T NHA TRANG 0141

DAO FOR AOSOP-IX/IS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THREE BATTLE AREAS IN MR-2

THE FOLLOWING IS AN UP-DATE ON THREE (03) BATTLE AREAS IN MR-2,
INCLUDING: THUAN MAN (D), THANH AN (D), AND QL-19 EAST OF PLEIKU (C).

THUAN MAN (D)
AFTER INITIAL ENEMY ATTACK AT 080300H, RADIO CONTACT WITH THUAN
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 SAIGON 02582 100645Z

MAN S/S WAS LOST AT APPROX 0730H. CONTACT WAS ALSO LOST WITH THE 23RD

RECON CO. EARLIER REPORTS THAT THE 23 DIV HQS CO WAS AT THUAN MAN WAS ERRONEOUS. IT IS IN BAN ME THUOT.

AT 080905H G-2 II CORPS HQS REPORTS THAT BUILDINGS OF THE THUAN MAN S/S WERE BURNING. THE REPORT WAS MADE FROM AN L-19 OBSERVER; FULL SITUATION ASSESSMENT WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

AT 0930H CONTACT WAS REESTABLISHED WITH THE 505TH RF CO. AND THE 23RD RECON CO TO THE NORTH OF THE SUB-SECTOR.

AT 081030H SOLDIERS OF THE 4/257 RF BN REUNITED WITH MEMBERS FO THE 23RD RECON CO.

THERE IS PRESENTLY NO HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ON QL-14 VIC AQ 9271 TO BIC BQ 0053.

THE 21ST RGR GRP IS BEING LIFTED BY SIX 06) CHINOOK HELICOPTERS FROM THE POSITIONS IN THE CHU PAO PASS, KONTUM (P), TO BUON HO (D), DARLAC (P), WHERE THEY WILL REINFORCE FRIENDLY TROOPS ENGAGED IN COMBAT IN THE VIC OF THUAN MAN (D). TWO 105MM HOWITZERS WILL ALSO BE LIFTED INTO THE AREA OF BUON HO (D). ONE BN OF THE 21ST RGR GROUP WAS EXPECTED TO BE IN PLACE BY EVENING OF 8 MARCH 75.

THANH AN (D)
THANH AN S/S HAS TAKEN A HEAVY POUNDING BY ABF OVER THE LAST FEW DAYS. G-2 EXPECTS A HEAVY ENEMY PUSH SOON AGAINST THE S/S POSITION, BUT FOR THE PRESENT ONLY LIGHT ABF HAS BEEN ENCOUNTERED. G-2 INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY IS PRESENTLY CONSERVING AMMUNITION IN PREPARATION FOR THE BIGGER ATTACK.

THE 44TH REGT HQS TO THE NORTH OF THANH AN S/S AT FB 801 HAS BEEN RELATIVELY QUIET WITH ONLY LIGHT ABF REPORTED.

VIC QL-19 EAST OF PLEIKU (C)
4TH RANGER GROUP ELEMENTS AND ARMORED CAVALRY UNITS ARE PUSHING NORTH OF QL-19 IN THE VICINITY OF LOWER PLEI BON VALLEY. THE 43RD RANGER BN IS MOVING TO THE NW INTO HIGHER GROUND ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE VALLEY AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED RANGER ELEMENTS ARE MOVING TOWARD HIGHER GROUND TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE VALLEY. ENEMY UNITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE 95B NVA REGT.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 SAIGON 02582 100645Z

PRIMARY FRIENDLY UNITS EAST OF PLEIKU CONSIST OF THE 223RD RF BN, THE 279TH RF BN, AND ONE TROOP (-) OF THE 3RD ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON. SINCE ATTACKS ON QL-19 BEGAN TERRITORIAL FORCE UNITS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED BY THE 4TH RANGER GROUP AND 3/19 ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON.

AT 071535H, FB 93, RECEIVED 50 ROUNDS OF 155MM ARTILLERY AND 122MM

ROCKETS. THE 155MM ROUNDS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM ARTILLERY WHICH WAS LEFT AT FB 94 AFTER BEING OVERRUN.

AT 071645H, TWO (02) A-37 AIR STRIKES WERE CALLED IN ON THE 155MM ARTILLERY PIECES IN VIC OF FB 94. ONE PIECE WAS DESTROYED AND THE OTHER WITHSTOOD AN ESTIMATED 40 PERCENT DAMAGE.

MAJOR BRIDGE REPAIR ON QL-19 (PLEIKU) HAS NOT BEGUN AS OF THE MORNING OF 08 MAR, ACCORDING TO LTC TINH, CMDR 20TH COMBAT ENGINEER GROUP.

SPEAR UNQTE

LEHMANN

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: COMBAT OPERATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 MAR 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: izenbei0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975SAIGON02582
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750082-1128
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750366/aaaachjn.tel
Line Count: 127
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 JUL 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <20 NOV 2003 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: UPDATE ON THREE BATTLE AREAS IN MR 2 FOLLOWING TEL RECEIVED FROM NHA TRANG MAR 9 SENT ACTION
TAGS: PINS, PINT, MILI, MOPS, VS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006